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FOR ASST. SECY. SAUNDERS, NEA, FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, PGOV, ILE  
SUBJ: PARTITION

REF: BEIRUT 2141

1. WHEN I SAW BOUTROS ON APRIL 18 I TOLD HIM I HAD THOUGHT LONG AND HARD ABOUT HIS REMARKS REGARDING PARTITION. CONTRARY TO HIS VIEW, WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE WAS A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION. AFTER STUDYING THE MAP, I HAD CONCLUDED THERE WAS NO WAY ON EARTH TO DIVIDE UP LEBANON WITHOUT HAVING ABSOLUTE DISASTER. IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS NOT ONLY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL LEBANESE, WHO WOULD HAVE TO PAY PERSONALLY, BUT ALSO FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE AREA. PEOPLE WHO WERE TALKING IN FAVOR OF SUCH A PROPOSITION HAD NOT THOUGHT IT THROUGH. PERHAPS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE IN 1920, BUT TOO MUCH WATER HAD PASSED UNDER THE BRIDGE SINCE THEN, AND THERE WERE TOO MANY MUTUAL INTERESTS BETWEEN CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM TIED UP IN THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF A UNITED LEBANON. THE IDEA WAS COMPLETELY UNWORKABLE.

2. BOUTROS SMILED AND SAID HE HAD COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION. HE HOPED I COULD CONVINCE THE MARONITES, INCLUDING GENERAL  
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